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SETTING UP OF MINORITY UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Universities located in the country for minorities;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more Minority Universities;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the locations identified for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the new Universities are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) Among the Central Universities, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) which has been defined in its Act as "the educational institution of their choice established by the Muslims of India" has been so recognized by the Central Government.However,the matter is sub-judice before the Apex Court.The following educational institutions declared as 'Deemed to be University' under Section 3 of UGC Act of 1956 are reported to have been established and administered by the minorities: -

1 . Jamia Hamdard,New Delhi,2.Allahabad Agricultural Institute,Allahabad,3.Karunya Deemed University,Coimbatore,4.Christ Deemed University,Bangalore,5.Sathyabhama Deemed University,Chennai and 6. B.S.Abdur Rahman Deemed University,Chennai.

Minority status to 'Higher Educational Institutions' is granted by State Governments in respect of institutions established in States.The question of minority status for institutions established by legislatures being sub-judice before the Apex Court in the matter of AMU, there is no proposal at present to establish universities with minority character.